



## Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

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### **Parish Priests, Pastoral Associates, Liturgy Coordinators and Parish Secretaries**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish you greetings and best wishes from the Vocations Office and I write seeking your support for the promotion of Vocations in the Archdiocese.

Again this year, throughout the Church in Australia, we celebrate **National Vocations Awareness Week from August 3/4 until August 10/11**. The theme of the first weekend is that every baptized Christian has a vocation and is called to holiness of life and to participate in the life and mission of the Church. We acknowledge the calling to Marriage and Family Life, the Single Life and Lay Ministry in the Church. It's on the second weekend that we specify this baptismal call further and celebrate and pray for an increase in the vocations of the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Consecrated Life.

Please note the Liturgy Resources that accompany this letter, that is, notes for the parish newsletter, suggested prayers for the Universal Prayer and further suggestions for prayer and reflection. The final page of the resources could be used to accompany the attached poster for your notice board. Please remember the Leaving Collection on the second weekend.

I trust that each parish has copies of our Diocesan Vocations Prayer and pray it regularly. If you need further prayer cards, please let me know.

Our society is running on empty and selling our young people short. There is a hunger for meaning and purpose and a longing for a spiritual basis to life. There is an awakening, slow maybe, but an awakening that we need to connect with and encourage. The potential is immense and calls for our response. The harvest is rich, and we need to be confident in responding.

Thanks in advance for your support in promoting this important time of prayer in our Church.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr Dean Marin VG  
**Director of Vocations**